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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REALLOCATION OF UNFILLED SPECIALTY
STEEL QUOTAS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY THE EC COMMISSION
OFFICIAL, MISSION MAY STATE THAT IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ARE
NOW ARRIVING IN THE UNITED STATES AT A RATE WHICH SUGGESTS
THAT THE JAPANESE WILL COME CLOSE TO FILLING THEIR QUOTAS.
MOREOVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT UNDER THE UNITED STATES
JAPAN ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT (OMA) THE JAPANESE WILL
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HAVE AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY PERIOD AT THE END OF THE
QUOTA YEAR IN WHICH TO MAKE UP ANY QUOTA CATEGORY SHORTFALL
(BUT NOT EXCEEDING FOUR PERCENT OF THE BASE LEVEL FOR ANY
SUCH CATEGORY). ANY CHANGE IN THE QUOTA QUANTITIES
SPECIFIED IN THE OMA, INCLUDING REALLOCATIONS OF UNFILLED
QUOTAS, WOULD NECESSITATE A RENEGOTIATION OF THE AGREE-
MENT.

2. WEIGHING THE DIFFICULTIES OF SUCH A RENEGOTIATION AGAINST THE SMALL AMOUNT OF JAPANESE STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AVAILABLE FOR REALLOCA-

TION WITHIN A CATEGORY WHERE OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT FILLING THEIR QUOTAS DOES NOT SEEM USEFUL. (IN REFTEL (B) WE ADVISED WE HAD REALLOCATED THE STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP SHORTFALL A SECOND TIME AND, IN SO DOING, HAD INCREASED THE EC QUOTA BY AN ADDITIONAL 500 TONS). MOREOVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, FOR PRECEDENTIAL REASONS, WOULD WANT TO ENTER INTO RENEGOTIATIONS HAVING AS THEIR PRINCIPAL PURPOSE A FURTHER CUTBACK IN JAPANESE SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. MISSION WILL RECALL THAT THE QUOTA LEVELS SPECIFIED IN THE OMA REPRESENT THE ONLY CUTBACK FROM RECENT LEVELS FOR ANY MAJOR SUPPLIER. THE AGGREGATE LEVEL PROVIDED IN THE OMA FOR THE FIRST QUOTA YEAR IS 15 PERCENT BELOW THAT FOR 1975 AND 29 PERCENT BELOW THAT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976 ON AN ANNUALIZED BASIS. THE AGGREGATE LEVEL PROVIDED THE EC IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD AVERAGE 1971/75. IN THE TWO REALLOCATIONS OF SHORTFALLS THAT WE HAVE MADE DURING THE CURRENT QUOTA YEAR, THE QUANTITIES SHIFTED TO THE EC FROM THE QUOTAS OF OTHER SUPPLIERS HAVE BEEN SEVERAL TIMES GREATER THAN THE SHIFTS AWAY FROM THE EC. HABIB

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